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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE SHAH

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THERE FOLLOWS THE SHAH'S RESPONSE TO YOUR MESSAGE OF FEBRUARY 1 (REFTEL): QUOTE DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I THANK YOU FOR YOUR MESSAGE OF 1ST FEBRUARY 1976 WHICH YOU HAVE ADDRESSED TO ME ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT FORD.(PARAGRAPH) I WAS GLAD TO HAVE AN ASSESSMENT OF YOUR TALKS WITH THE ISRAELIS IN WASHINGTON AND I CANNOT AGREE MORE WITH THE POINTS WHICH YOU HAVE RAISED AND STRESSED TO PRIME MINISTER RABIN. AS PRESIDENT FORD AND YOU YOURSELF HAVE EMPHASIZED, A STALEMATE WOULD BE INTOLERABLE TO THE OTHER PARTIES CONCERNED IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND WOULD ALSO BE DETRIMENTAL TO UNITED STATES POLICY.(PARAGRAPH) AS FOR THE LEBANON, WE HAVE ALSO TRIED OUR BEST TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO ALL SIDES IN THE COUNTRY THAT THE CIVIL WAR WOULD NOT BENEFIT ANYONE AND THAT THE SITUATION HAD CHANGED SINCE 1943 AND THAT A NEW AND MORE EQUITABLE ATMOSPHERE SHOULD REIGN IN 1976 IN THE LEBANON. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I RAISED THIS MATTER WITH PRESIDENT ASSAD MYSELF DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO IRAN. IT IS ALSO MY HOPE THAT THE LATEST CEASEFIRE NOW IN OPERATION IN THE LEBANON WILL CONTINUE TO PREVAIL DESPITE THE FACT THAT IT APPEARS TO BE FRAGILE OWING TO THE VERY COMPLICATED AND VARIED PROBLEMS WHICH ARE

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